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VIA FACSCIMILE 571-273-8300 Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop AF P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) AND AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to grant a four (4) month extension of time, up to and including Monday, September 26, 2005, in which to file a Request For Continued Examination following the Notice of Appeal filed on March 22, 2005 (received by the US PTO on March 24, 2005).

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 22, 2004, the Advisory Action mailed January 21, 2005, and following the Notice of Appeal filed on March 22, 2005, please enter the following amendment, which is being filed simultaneously with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).